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Total.....	122838
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Increase..... 753  
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that the above statement of the cir-  
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May, 1908, is true to the best of his  
knowledge and belief.  
My commission expires January  
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Notary Public.

## Daily Thought.

"Leisure is sweet to those who have  
earned it, but burdensome to those  
who get it for nothing."

Taft and Sherman! That sounds  
well.

All eyes will now turn to Denver.  
Of course Mr. Bryan will be the nomi-  
nee, and the interest will be in the  
platform and the vice presidential  
nominee.

The selection of Sherman is good  
politics. New York is conceded to be  
a doubtful state, and Sherman will be  
counted on the round it up for the  
ticket.

It is to be hoped the country will  
be given a rest from politics after the  
Denver convention. Let the cam-  
paign start about the first of October,  
as six weeks of vigorous campaign is  
all the people want.

## INTERURBAN.

Nothing succeeds like success, and  
with the beginning of actual con-  
struction work on Paducah's first in-  
terurban railway, a stimulus to other  
interurban projects doubtless will be  
given. Paducah will prosper in pro-  
portion as all roads are made to lead  
to the city, and for promoting easy  
and frequent communication between  
the rural sections and the city, the  
interurban is unsurpassed.

The farmers living along the route  
of the interurban to Cairo, will be as-  
sured of good roads to their markets  
all the year round. This will give  
them an advantage over their neigh-  
bors who have to trudge through  
muddy dirt roads, weary miles to town,  
that will soon tell in the competition  
of farming. Farmers who were ac-  
customed to drive through with a  
wagon to the city market, will soon  
be able to load their tobacco or pro-  
duce on electric cars that will put  
them in Paducah at a large saving in  
time and money.

When the country gets back on the  
old boom basis, as it surely will, Pa-  
ducah gradually will become the cen-  
ter of a net-work of interurban lines  
that will solve the good roads prob-  
lem in a large measure. Suburban  
real estate values will take a spurt,  
because they will be easily accessible  
for city workers. Retail merchants  
will have opened up to them a new  
patronage, the prospects of which  
ought to enlist their hearty support  
of every practicable project, in in-  
terurban construction.

Trunk line railroads really have  
nothing to fear from the competition  
of interurbans because their business  
is largely new business. If we take  
the word of such men as James J.  
Hill and Martin A. Knapp, the rail-  
roads should greedily welcome every  
conceivable aid in the transportation  
problem that faces this country under  
normal conditions.

## ANGLO-SAXONS.

Fiske, the historian, has said that  
the moment of Cromwell's success at  
the battle of Marston Moor, was the  
most critical time in the development  
of democratic institutions. He did not  
even except Yorktown, but traced our  
institutions from the victory that day.  
Fiske further said that the vital point

in the contest, was whether mankind  
should be self-governing, or the old  
monarchical ideas should prevail.  
Anglo-Saxons decided in favor of  
self-government and a government  
authorized, limited and prescribed  
by the majority. For any faction or  
for any minority, however numerous,  
to exercise the sovereign functions of  
government, was the essence of mon-  
archism.

Night-riding, therefore, is the es-  
sence of despotism; its survival would  
mean the destruction of anglo-saxon  
civilization, because it is a faction  
undertaking to exercise the supreme  
governmental function of life and  
death. Cromwell fought to maintain  
the principle that no irregular, ir-  
responsible and unauthorized minority  
could arise to deprive him of life,  
liberty and the pursuit of happiness,  
believing that where these rights  
should be abrogated at all, it should  
be only from the decision of the ma-  
jority.

Kentuckians are called on to set-  
tle a question that Washington and  
Cromwell solved so gloriously,  
which is, shall the state government,  
formally authorized by the majority,  
exercise the supreme power of life  
and death, or shall the night riders,  
representing a minority, exercise that  
power.

Could the night riders themselves  
and their sympathizers realize that  
the success of night riding means the  
loss of the principle of self-govern-  
ment they would curse the day the  
movement ever was started.

## WORLD KINSHIP.

Those inventions that abridge time  
and space, Macaulay declared, have  
been the most beneficial to mankind.  
He was thinking how the railroad, the  
telegraph, the ocean greyhound and  
the telephone, had made the whole  
world next-door neighbors.

But the most marvelous invention  
of this age for bringing the widely  
scattered races of the earth into an  
acquaintance and eliminating  
prejudices, is the newspaper. Japan  
morning and evening can know the  
slightest change in mood in the  
American people, through the world-  
wide news service, and the citizens  
of the United States form an opinion  
on conditions in Madagascar before  
breakfast, from reports of events that  
happened the night just past.

Our population of 70,000,000 each  
day is informed of the doings of the  
Chicago national convention, and a  
national public opinion is formed  
afresh, morning and afternoon. This  
wonderful annihilation of time in the  
distribution of vital news, is making  
us the most intelligent nation on  
earth. Other nations have competent  
news service, but the American news-  
paper is ahead of them all. News-  
dealers in Paducah are selling large  
numbers of metropolitan papers dur-  
ing the convention, and they are  
astounding productions in the com-  
pleteness with which they report a  
great event.

## OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY.

It is a remarkable fact that the  
rule is that city officials pay practi-  
cally no attention to securing the  
best returns for money they are  
called on to expend in the interest of  
tax payers.

First the council, and now the  
board of aldermen, have accepted a  
bid for about four blocks of street  
improvement at a price not less  
than six thousand dollars more than  
a fair price. When the bid was sub-  
mitted to the general council it was  
considered by people generally so  
grossly excessive, that no thought oc-  
curred but that it would be rejected  
without discussion. As this was not  
done, a protest signed by practically  
all the frontage owners on the two  
streets was submitted to the board of  
aldermen asking that the bids be re-  
jected, as too high, but no other peo-  
ple's money foots the bills and the  
bid was accepted.

The proposition to issue four hun-  
dred thousand dollars of bonds to  
make future improvements and per-  
mitting tax payers to pay in ten an-  
nual installments should be rejected  
by the people, so long as there is no  
one to exert sufficient influence to  
prevent the city and people being  
held up by outrageous contracts like  
the one for the improvement of  
Broadway and Jefferson streets. The  
Sun is a consistent advocate of pro-  
gress, but it believes more in having  
the people's affairs administered prop-  
erly and fairly than it does in a  
course such as we are now witness-  
ing.

## NOMINEE TAFT.

To the average laymen, not en-  
dowed with political foresight or the  
gift of prophesy, and unbiased by any  
prejudices, the nomination of Sec-  
retary Taft by the Republicans has been  
foreseen for at least sixteen months.  
Of course Wall street, and a kindred  
group of financiers, some of whom  
are to be found in every community,  
could see nothing but the re-nomi-  
nation of Roosevelt. This was but ad-  
ditional evidence that they did not  
know their man. Roosevelt would  
not have had a third term, and could  
not have gotten it should he have as-  
pired to it.

No man was ever called to lead his  
party in a national campaign who  
brings to the work a better tempera-  
ment or more natural endowments  
than William H. Taft. Schooled by  
the practical work he has done in  
three administrations, there is no  
phase of public life he has not  
touched, and the friends who know  
him best say his administration will  
be as marked for good work as has  
been that of Roosevelt. That he will  
follow out Roosevelt's policies is as-  
sured. That he will use different  
means to continue the good work in-  
augurated by this administration is  
too, assured.

# THE VANISHING FLEETS

By  
ROY NORTON

ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL

(Continued from last issue.)

"There!" he remarked triumphantly,  
exposing two small plates of metal not  
differing greatly in appearance from  
two pieces of burnished steel. Eagerly  
all those in the room crowded for-  
ward, while the president gingerly  
took one of the slabs in his fingers.

"New explosive?" he asked.  
"No, they're harmless." The inven-  
tor smiled.

The others looked eagerly at them  
as the president held them, wondering  
what connection the two little strips  
of metal could possibly have with the  
defense of a nation against a multi-  
tude of battle ships. Nothing but Rob-  
erts' known ability prevented them  
from looking upon him as a crank.  
They inspected the objects before  
them in turn, passing them from hand  
to hand with blank looks. Only the  
secretary of war, who in his earlier  
years had been a metallurgist, showed  
any signs of surprise or amazement.  
He turned excitedly away and crossed  
the room to a side light, against which  
glare he held the little plate, starting  
at it fixedly. The inventor smiled, and  
the others renewed their interest. The  
secretary hurried back.

"What on earth is it, Dr. Roberts?"  
he asked, and then without waiting  
for an explanation continued: "I never  
saw a metal that looked or felt like  
it. What is it?"

"Gentlemen," said the inventor, re-  
covering the slab and balancing it in  
his hands, "that is a new plate that  
can be made cheaply and quickly. If  
it does what the laboratory tests show,  
it will, when applied to cruisers which  
can now steam 20 knots an hour, make  
50 knots an easy gait for them."

There was a gasp of astonishment  
amounting almost to incredulity  
among those who crowded round, and  
the scientist, enjoying the effect of his  
words, smiled and smoked. A mo-  
ment's pause ensued while the pos-  
sibilities of the discovery dawned on  
them. Those who knew him least were  
again questioning his sanity, and then,  
as if all at once they could wait no  
longer for him to explain, they burst  
into a chorus of questions, which he  
did not answer. He waited until no  
voice was heard, and then began.

"That plate practically overcomes  
friction. My assistant, my daughter  
Norma, and I have made several tests  
before I came here with it. These  
were cast and tested last night. I am  
not going into scientific details; but  
this much I'll make plain: A ship  
coated along certain lines with that  
metal, electrified only to a point where  
she would not sink for lack of support,  
can reduce her skin friction caused  
by the water to a point, where her  
speed would be something hitherto un-  
known. It would, of course, mean  
lighter armaments, because the light-  
er the dead tonnage the greater the  
buoyancy. But a cruiser with a few  
long range, high explosive guns, that  
can travel at the rate of 40 or 50  
miles an hour, or a submarine that  
can make that speed for 24 hours at  
a stretch, would play havoc with any  
navy in the world."

The room was alive with excited  
men now as the full force of his state-  
ment came in all its clearness. If  
that unknown metal had that prop-  
erty, and sufficient fighting ships could  
be armored with it in time to meet the  
demands made upon them, the seas  
would be whipped into subjection and  
legions of troops transported before  
they could be interfered with. The  
president himself had lost his calm-  
ness and was gripping the arms of his  
chair. The secretary of the navy,  
having the practical point of view,  
came out of his trance, and snapped  
out a question:

"How long would it take to equip a  
cruiser with those plates?"

Roberts turned toward him. "De-  
pends on the plant. The plates can be  
cast and electrified just as rapidly as  
you could cast sheets of plain iron  
and turn a current into them; but I  
wish to experiment a little further  
first and try them out on some old gun-  
boat that wouldn't amount to much if  
lost."

The room was again filled with a  
babel of sound, as the officials began  
an argument; but on one point they  
were agreed. The man before them  
was so well known that the govern-  
ment was taking no great hazard in  
affording him every means within its  
power to carry out his work, and if  
he could do what he believed, and of  
that there seemed no room for doubt,  
the solution of the approaching war,  
or any other, was in his hands. The  
president alone sat buried in thought,  
his brows drawn into a frown.

"Gentlemen," he said, and there was  
that in his voice which demanded at-  
tention. "I should like to ask Dr. Rob-  
erts a few questions. I wish to know  
if this work of his can be carried on  
so secretly that no other power—not  
one, nor even the people of this coun-  
try—can become aware of his discov-  
ery; if he can suggest a means for  
such concealment; if his work can be  
done so expeditiously, with full gov-  
ernment support, that within three  
months from to-night the American  
navy can be so equipped as to make it  
the most powerful in the world; and  
whether he realizes the importance of  
such haste."

The scientist threw his half-finished  
stogy into the ash receiver before him  
and became grave. He was the dis-  
tinguished, thoughtful man again, weigh-  
ing his words and speaking with delibera-  
tion. "Mr. President," he answered,  
"I am not completely beyond the ex-  
perimental stage; but I believe I can  
plan such secrecy as you desire, and  
with the aid of men and money make  
the United States navy invincible in  
less than three months. I would al-  
most stake my life and reputation on  
it. But why, may I ask, do you de-  
sire to keep it from the world's knowl-  
edge that you have such power?"

The president walked up and down  
the room with his hands behind his  
back as if in a dream, while the oth-  
ers waited for his reply. "Because  
we are facing war with Japan, a skill-  
ful, advanced and cunning enemy, and  
there must be no risk of its discover-  
ing our secret. Its spies are every-  
where in the land. Hostilities are to  
be courted in this emergency rather  
than declined, provided they can be  
rendered harmless to ourselves and  
humane to our adversaries. To talk  
of power without demonstrating it, is  
as idle as a braggart's boasting. To  
maintain silence and then prove abili-  
ty, is to make one's action doubly  
impressive."

He started to say more, his big som-  
ber eyes glowing with some new



The President Walked Up and Down the Room.

thought, and then, as if afraid of his  
own conceptions, stood expectantly be-  
fore his lifelong friend who was fac-  
ing him. "Bill, Bill!" he said, brok-  
enly, "do you see what depends upon  
you? Why, man, the nation itself, the  
lives of thousands of fathers and an  
army of our boys; yes, more than all  
that, the peace of the world! Good  
God, man! Try to realize what you  
have, and what we can do, if those  
two pieces of metal will do all you  
think they will!"

His long ungainly arms reached out,  
and he put his hands upon the smaller  
man's shoulders. Those within the  
room awoke to a realization of the  
magnitude of the power that was pos-  
sible, and stood in awed silence, spec-  
tators of a tableau. From the broad  
sweep of the river without came the  
wailing whistle of a belated steamer,  
seeking its way through the fog that  
had settled down. The measured  
tramp of a patrolman in front of the  
huge white building came reverberat-  
ing to their ears, cast back from the  
empty street, and thus they stood, cen-  
tering their attention on a little, wiz-  
ened old man who had grasped one of  
Nature's secrets and was now offering  
it as a nation's salvation. In this light  
he loomed to gigantic proportions, and  
seemed possessed of Titanic power.  
Oblivious to the others in the room,  
his restless eyes gleamed and probed  
those of his friend.

"Paul," he said in an oddly con-  
strained voice, dropping back to the  
boyhood phrase, "I can make good.  
I'm at my country's service, and I've  
made no mistake in what I said." He  
swung sharply round to the others,  
and his clenched hands swept the air  
in a sudden frenzy of determination.  
He was the enthusiast once more, dar-  
ling, dreaming, positive and sanguine.  
"Send me the two best engineers  
in the navy and the two best supply  
men to-morrow morning. I'll tell  
them what we need and they can tell  
me how soon they can deliver it where  
I want it. I'll want machinery and ap-  
paratus, supplies and assistants.  
Money and men! Money and men!  
They can't beat us! They can't  
beat us!"

His hands came back to his sides.  
He folded the precious pieces of metal  
into their coverings, while the others  
stood silently by, and, as if abashed  
by his own outburst, bade them a curt  
"Good night," and walked from the  
room. The others, with the burden  
of reticence upon them, filed after  
him one by one, contemplating the  
strange change which might be  
wrought by this night's work, and  
wended their way to their homes.

The fog settled down closer and im-  
partially spread itself over the  
river, the White House and the patrol-  
man on his beat, but until the dawn  
came stealthily peering over it all the  
president wrapped in thought sat  
at his desk and in imagination saw in-  
vincible ships of war bound out to cer-  
tain victory. And all his hope was  
founded on a war for peace.

(To be continued in next issue.)

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT

Every dose makes you feel better. Lax-Po  
keeps your whole insides right. Hold on to  
the money-back plan everywhere. Price 50 cents

Leitchfield, Ky., June 19.—The  
store and postoffice of T. H. Watkins,  
at Hornstown, this county, was broken  
into by burglars and a safe blown  
open with dynamite. Considerable  
damage was done to the premises,  
but the explosive failed to wreck the  
safe and no money was secured.  
There is no clue to the miscreants.

## NEW CHURCH BEING BUILT AT LONE OAK

Lone Oak, June 19.—Work is in  
progress now in the erection of the  
Lone Oak Methodist church. The  
foundation has been laid and now  
concrete blocks are being made as  
rapidly as possible to push the erec-  
tion of the church, and have it ready  
for services by September 1. The  
building will be 32x50 feet, and the  
ceiling will be 20 feet high. The  
church will be erected of concrete  
blocks and will have a slate roof,  
making it one of the neatest churches  
in McCracken county. The estimated  
cost of construction is \$2,000.

The Rev. W. J. Naylor is pastor of  
the church, and due to his push and  
energy the erection of the church is  
possible. There are only 35 mem-  
bers to the church, but they are tak-  
ing much interest. The new church  
will be across the road from the Bap-

tist church. It will be neatly fur-  
nished throughout.

## Not Guilty of Night Riding.

Cynthiana, Ky., June 19.—The  
jury in the case of "Dogwood" Ken-  
ton, Charles Fowler, "Gum" McGhee  
and Bill Brown, charged with night  
riding, returned a verdict of not  
guilty, and indictments against the  
other alleged raiders were filed away.  
The men relied on an alibi to clear  
them.

They were accused of stopping  
Marshall Haly as he was on his way  
to market with his tobacco.

## Campaign Helps Printers.

Printers in the city have had the  
usual summer dull period, vastly en-  
livened by the decision to have a pri-  
mary in August and November. Can-  
didates already have placed orders  
for huge quantities of campaign cards  
and literature. On most of these the  
picture of the candidate is shown.

## NIGHT RIDERS ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP WITNESS

Frankfort, June 19.—Maj. Webb,  
commanding the troops in Bracken  
county, says an effort was made by  
night riders to kidnap Louis Kinney,  
who testified against them, but the  
soldiers guarding the Kinney home  
repulsed the raiders, several of whom  
are believed to have been wounded.

## TAKE DEBTOR'S OATH

Pony West, who was sentenced to  
jail and fined in last April's term of  
court, was turned free this morning  
by Deputy United States Marshal El-  
wood Neel after taking the insolvent  
debtor's oath. Mr. Neel went to Wick-  
life this morning to let Will Lett out  
of jail. Lett also took the insolvent  
debtor's oath.



THE heat will just begin now to worry you. We thought  
and worried over it weeks ago, with the result that we  
have the yreatest assortment of cool garments to be had. If  
there had been others we should have aad them.

\$20.00 buys those handsome Mohair Suits. They are  
just about the weight of a whisper, and come in black, neat  
striped and grey effects.

\$20.50---There are still some of those special purchase  
suits here, and some great values to be had at this price.

\$14 95 takes choice of the remainder of the \$18 and \$20  
suits we picked up from an overstocked maker.

\$9.95 takes choice of a splendid lot of \$12.50 and \$15.00  
suits from the same maker.

Coatless days call for coatless shirts. Why stuff your-  
self in a hot, heavy shirt, when such comforts as these soft,  
Soisette, shirts, with soft collar and cuffs attached are yours.  
We have the greatest value in this shirt for \$1.00 you or any  
one else ever saw.

Our windows show a special--dandy bargain in a white  
negligee shirt for \$1.50. Light, cool, comfortable.

The wise men---and boys---are wearing the short sleeve  
and knee length drawers in the good old summer time.  
They certainly are cool. We show them in union and two  
piece suits, at 50c a garment, \$1.00 a suit.

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